**Dead Poets Society**

**Part 1**

**Vocabulary**

* **annual** – the year book of the class
* **ceremony -** a formal event that happens in public on special occasions
* **Decadence** - moral decline as because of excessive indulgence in self-interest
* **dedication** - hard work or effort that is put into an activity because it is important
* **discipline** - controlled behavior in which people obey rules and orders
* **drop -** "to drop" something is to quit or give it up,
* **Excellence** - extremely good or of very high quality
* **Excrement** - waste matter from the bowels; feces Top of FormBottom of Form
* **extra-curricular**  - school activities outside of classes like clubs and sports
* **fervent** - believing or feeling something very strongly
* **Honor** strong moral beliefs and standards of behavior that make people respect and trust you
* **Horror** - something very shocking or frightening
* **Ivy League –** eight old respected colleges in the northeast of the U.S.: Brown University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Harvard University, Princeton University, the University of Pennsylvania, and Yale University.
* **jerk -** a person who bothers others with a annoying personality
* **pillar -** a basic fact, idea, or principle that something is based upon
* **preparatory school -** a school that is designed to prepare students for a college or university education
* **thrilling -** exciting
* **Tradition** - something that people have done for a long time, and continue to do
* **Travesty -** an imitation. Common phrase is "a travesty of justice"
* **Valedictorian -** student with the best grades in class. He usually presents a speech at the graduation ceremony
* **vaporizer -** little device that produces steam to help deal with a cold

**Idioms**

* **big shoes to fill** - someone in your place before you, did an excellent job and you are going to have to do a lot to be as good.
* **bootlicking –** doing anything to make an authority happy with you
* **born with his foot in his mouth -** always talking stupid/foolish
* **don’t** **to test me -** don't challenge me
* **don't mind him -** ignore him
* **looks like a stiff –** a person that is not interesting; a dead body
* **settle down** - calm down
* **tell him off** - to yell or curse at him
* **that’s rich** – what you said about a person, could be said about you